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HE FINDS A GRAFT

City Attorney Drenning Is After the Contractors.

Says That Many Have Been Overpaid.

DIDN'T DO THE WORK

But They Got the Money for It Nevertheless.

May Sue Bondsmen to Recover the Money.

The whip lash is going to be played about the heads of contractors, past and present, who have been overpaid on city contracts.

Such is at least the statement of F. G. Drenning, city attorney, who returned this afternoon from Troy, Kansas.

The city attorney states that a large number of suits of a civil nature will be filed right after the first of April in the district court to recover moneys paid in excess of contracts.

"I am going to get busy pretty soon now," said Drenning. "We will file suits against a great many of the contractors who have been overpaid for work done on city contracts. I don't care to say what those contracts are or to specify the contractors. We have been getting testimony in a number of the contracts and have been quietly investigating certain things. We are not through yet with our investigations."

"We can sue on the bonds furnished by the contractors. The bonds are good for five years."

One of the claims that has been made all along is in connection with paving contracts. It is claimed that the grading contracts especially are flagrant examples of work which has been paid for way in excess of the value received. It is stated that overhauls have been paid for where no overhauls should have been allowed, that the cubic yardage allowed was in excess of the amount of the actual earth excavation. Though sand is cheap and there is plenty of it the story goes that contractors have been shy on sand and only put in two or three inches of cushion where the spec-

fications called for at least four inches of sand.

These are only a few of the instances enumerated. The stories have been brought out in connection with the charges of misconstruction of the Fifth ward sewer.

When that trouble blossomed out every contract and every contractor came under espionage and suspicion and as a result it is claimed facts sufficient to commence civil action in the courts have been unearthed.

The city attorney does not speak with any degree of certainty on the action at law which the city will commence in the district court with reference to the Fifth ward sewer charges but he states positively that the civil suits with reference to these other charges that there is a strong probability that the city will be able to recover several thousands of dollars.

The stories circulated so far regarding the paving do not involve defective brick but seem to confine themselves to the shortage of sand and excessive charges for excavating and the overhauls for dirt which has been excavated.

Y. W. C. A. GIRLS EXHIBITION. Will Be Given at the Auditorium Tuesday Evening.

The annual exhibition of the gymnastic department of the Young Women's Christian Association will be held Tuesday evening, March 23, at 8 p. m. at the Auditorium. This will be the largest one ever given and the following program has been arranged:

Wand Drill Seniors
Free Exercises Juniors
Dumb-bells Intermediates
Jumping Ropes Seniors
Apparatus Seniors
Parallel Bar Juniors
Free Exercises Seniors
Games Juniors
Leap Frog Intermediates
Passing Dumb-bell Juniors
Apparatus Seniors
Horse Seniors
Three-legged Race Seniors

Probing to Last Two Years. Salt Lake City, Utah, March 23.—A senatorial committee of five members will continue the investigation of railroad conditions in Utah begun during the last session of the legislature, and will report to the next general assembly two years hence. Members of the committee say that, in the event the coal famine of last winter is repeated next season the governor will be urged to call a special session of the legislature to deal with the question.

CONEY IN CENTER

Big Fight Brewing Among G. A. R. Members.

Shall Commander P. H. Coney Have Another Term.

POINTS TO HIS RECORD

Secured Much Legislation Favorable to Old Soldiers.

Re-election a Stepping Stone to National Commandership.

There promises to be a big fight for the job of department commander of the Kansas Grand Army of the Republic when the state encampment meets in Topeka on the 7th day of next May. The fight, according to present indications, will be between Capt. Patrick H. Coney, the present department commander, who wants a third term, and Col. R. A. Campbell of Hutchinson, the present senior vice commander of the Kansas department, G. A. R.

Capt. Coney doesn't come right out and say he is a candidate for the office. He claims that he has run for office, but nearly everybody else says so for him. Coney wants the place a third time as a stepping stone to the office of national commander, which he will make another effort to capture at the coming national encampment. It is an unheard of thing in the Kansas department to give a man three terms as department commander, but that very fact would make it an especially valuable feather in Coney's cap when he marches out to effect the capture of the national commandership.

Capt. Coney would make his fight for a third term on his record while in office. He claims that he has run for office of the department with special vigor, and that he has accomplished an exceptional amount of good things for the old soldiers of Kansas. He says that through his personal efforts, the last legislature enacted seven bills of great benefit to the veterans of the civil war. Nine bills, according to Capt. Coney, were personally prepared by him, and only two of these failed of enactment. The two which were killed related to the erection of a \$300,000 soldiers' monument in the state house grounds, and the other was the amendment to the taxation bill exempting from taxation the homesteads of soldiers and soldiers' widows up to the amount of \$1,000.

The bills which Department Commander Coney says he personally prepared and conducted through the mazes of legislative procedure are as follows:

1. Appropriation for Grand Army museum.
2. Old soldier preference law.
3. Authorizing use of city funds for observance of Memorial day.
4. Requiring display of United States flag on school houses.
5. Making Lincoln's birthday a legal holiday.
6. Preventing the desecration of Memorial day.

Whether the government will proceed against Mr. Harriman and his associates under the Sherman anti-trust law, or under the interstate commerce laws, or at all, will be decided after the Interstate Commerce commission completes its report next month.

Colonel Campbell Will Fight. Against all this array of legislative triumphs, the friends of Campbell will advance the argument that three times is too much for any one man to hold the office of department commander, no matter how effective a commander he may be. It is, as a matter of fact, but the custom is to give only one term to each commander, and the reason that the old soldiers felt that their time is short, and that the honor should be passed around as much as possible.

Moreover Col. Campbell claims that

Capt. Coney is acting in bad faith. He says that Capt. Coney promised him at the last election of department commander that he would not again be a candidate. He says now that Coney has broken faith, and is making medicine for a third term.

Coney replies with a general denial. He says that he has not broken faith; that he is not now a candidate. But he adds that he is in the hands of his friends. He isn't any more a candidate now than he was two years ago, or one year ago. He doesn't seek the job, but would not struggle too hard if it should be forced upon him. Col. Campbell thinks that this means that Coney is an active seeker for the place, and he is circulating the bad faith story among his G. A. R. friends.

Col. Campbell, it is said, is a very good man for the position of department commander. He is in touch with military affairs, being the present lieutenant-colonel of the Second regiment of the Kansas National guard. He will come to the state encampment with a strong backing. Many of the people who backed Capt. Coney for a second term, it is said, are now backing Campbell.

On the other hand there is a very friendly disposition toward Capt. Coney in his ambition to be national commander; and if the encampment is persuaded that it would materially assist him in the realization of his ambitions it might decide to give him a third term as department commander.

HITS UPON A PLAN.

Commerce Commission Has a Solution of the Railroad Question.

Chicago, March 23.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Washington says:

It is understood that the Interstate Commerce commission has finally hit upon a plan for a solution of the perplexing problem of relieving the present crisis in the railroad situation by bringing about a practical co-operation between the railroads and the federal government.

The plan, which is now being considered and has practically gained the approval of the commission, and the president, is the appointment of a western interstate traffic commissioner to represent the commission, and the public and the railroad officers in obtaining reasonable rate adjustments, and to adjudicate all matters now in dispute. The railroad representatives and the commissioner would virtually assemble about a round table to discuss freight rates, stop and start of the law and prevent rate discriminations and preferences.

It is believed that this plan will put a stop to the flood of hostile legislation against railroads in the west, and establish more friendly relations with the railroads on the part of the government.

This is said to be the result of a recent conference on the part of Benjamin F. Yoakum, head of the Rock Island board, with the president and members of the Interstate Commerce commission.

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OAKLAND GOSSIP

(Items for this column may be left at Heaton's barber shop.)

Mr. Charles Pettit of Holton visited with his brother, J. E. Pettit, this week.

Mrs. J. G. Huey and Mrs. Shuler visited room 5 of the school yesterday.

The school board audited and allowed the bills for the current month last evening.

Miss Elsie Case of Highland Park was a visitor at the Peake residence this week.

Miss Esther Atchison went to her home at Wakarusa Thursday to be vaccinated for smallpox.

The Oakland school will give a music rehearsal at the M. E. church next Wednesday evening. All are invited.

Mrs. H. D. Jette and children of Mount Washington, Mo., are visiting Mrs. R. E. McFarland of East Seward avenue.

The regular services of the M. E. church will obtain tomorrow. Preaching both morning and evening by Rev. F. A. Whittelsey.

The man in Oakland who circulates petitions for sidewalks on streets where he owns no property is surely shortsighted and careless.

A little real estate advertising leaflet published down on Oakland avenue seems to be perfectly silent on things that would be beneficial to Oakland at large, and the editor being a nonresident of this place is to some degree an explanation of this fact.

The concert given at the Presbyterian church was a decided success both financially and as an entertainment. The receipts were \$12. The following was the programme: Invocation, Rev. Lucas; song by the choir; instrumental solo, Hubert Sund; recitation, Bert Hummel; vocal solo, Carl Hummel; guitar solo, Mrs. S. T. Bailey; recitation, Ella Sieber; instrumental solo, Mr. Ed Shumway; vocal solo, Ruth Ludington; instrumental solo, Ruth Sund; song, choir. After the rendering of the programme the audience repaired to the church parlor where doughnuts and coffee were served.

HOW TO SPRINKLE THE STREETS

Mr. Nicholson Having Trouble to Make His Contracts.

The agitation against sprinkling the streets by contract and in favor of taxation by making a levy against the abutting property is again going the rounds. The agitation comes up each year late in the season—just as the fire works ordinance agitation used to come up. The season suggests the need.

C. C. Nicholson, who at present has the contract for sprinkling some of the streets of the city said: "I haven't got anything to say against the scheme of paying for sprinkling by taxing the property. It's late in the year though to make a change. The council could better take up the subject in the winter time. It's not quite the fair thing to take it up at this time. Here I am with an investment of about \$5,000 on my hands. Usually I go right out and make the contracts without any trouble, but now everybody is hanging back to see what the council is going to do. The new system of taxing it up against the property owner rather than the merchant who rents the building may be better. I don't believe, however, that the city could do the work as a private individual could. We work at all hours, right through the dinner period, but if the city handled it the men would go on at 8 o'clock, off at 12 o'clock, on again at 1 o'clock and sprinkling would stop at 5 o'clock.

"The council should make the

change in the sprinkling system in the winter months when it can be made at the best time if they are in favor of making a change."

VISITING THE CHURCHES.

King and Queen of Spain Are Following an Ancient Custom.

Madrid, March 23.—Queen Victoria, accompanied by the king, has begun a series of visits to the churches of Madrid. This is in accordance with an established custom when a Spanish queen is about to become a mother. The queen first went to the church of Santa Maria, where she was received by priests at the entrance. The royal couple were then escorted to the altar, where they prayed. Visits to the other churches will follow.

Weekly Bank Statement. New York, March 23.—The statement of the clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks hold \$4,709,450 more than the legal reserve requirements. This is an increase of \$1,676,350 as compared with last week. The statement follows:

	Decrease
Loans	\$1,049,989,600
Deposits	1,002,144,800
Circulation	50,920,300
Legal tenders	70,271,200
Specie	184,974,400
Reserve	253,245,600
Reserve required	250,568,150
Surplus	4,709,450
Ex-U.S. deposits	8,337,475
	\$1,676,350

*Increase.

CLEVELAND DODGED.

Successfully Escaped a Reception Planned in His Honor.

New York, March 23.—Ex-President Cleveland has returned to his home in Princeton after a two weeks' hunting trip to the south and dodged a reception that had been planned for him by Princeton students. For the last week the under-graduates have awaited Mr. Cleveland's return to give him an ovation in honor of his seventieth birthday and to present to him a silver loving cup. Mr. Cleveland was evidently anxious to avoid a demonstration after the fatigue of his long journey, so instead of going into Princeton by the branch train, he took a carriage at the junction and drove to his home, three miles away.

Monument to Dead Spaniards. Madrid, March 23.—A monument in honor of the Spaniards who fell in Cuba and the Philippines in the war with the United States is nearing completion under the hands of the sculptor, Cabera. It was ordered by the municipality and will be erected in the Paseo de Reales.

To Elect Senator in May. Madison, Wis., March 23.—There will be no election of a United States senator to succeed John C. Spooner until May 14, according to an agreement reached among legislative leaders today.

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